AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Complete Listing of Claims

Claims 1 and 2 (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) An output circuit, comprising:

an upper damping control circuit branch, comprising a first resistor and a first diode connected in parallel between a first node and a second node, the second node being coupled to an output node;

a lower damping control circuit branch, comprising a second resistor and a second diode connected in parallel between a third node and the second node;

an upper output transistor coupled by its source and drain between a power supply and the first ~~second~~ node, and having a gate;

a lower output transistor coupled by its source and drain between ground and the third node, and having a gate;

an upper predriver circuit adapted to receive an input signal and provide a voltage at the gate of the upper output transistor; and

a lower predriver circuit adapted to receive the input signal and provide another ~~a~~ voltage at the gate of the lower output transistor.

4. (original) An output circuit according to Claim 3, further comprising a tristate circuit adapted to cause the output node to be in a tristate condition in response to a tristate enable input signal.